

MINUTES
Professionalism & Ethics Section
October 6, 2020
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order/Introductions

II. Officer Reports

A. Chair

1. Announced the new Offices:

Chair: Erica White

Vice Chair: David Morse

Treasurer: Bob Aldridge

Secretary: Catie Freeman

At-Large Members

Julianne Hall

Jim Dickinson

Sherry Morgan

2. Dick Fields Award to Newal Squires: Article in October Advocate presented at Road Show?

- Planned to award at the roadshow, but most the District Bars are conducting their roadshows differently this year. The Fourth District will be doing theirs virtually. T. Baker is going to look into how the Fourth District is doing it and get the award on their agenda since Newal is a member of that district bar.

B. Vice Chair

1. Practice Section Council Report – D. Morse gave an update as to the practice section council report.

- Fundraising
- Sponsoring Advocate every third year
- Community Service events
- Encouraging members to participate in IVLP

C. Treasurer

1. Financial Update

D. Secretary

III. New Business

A. November CLE

1. Date

- Our November CLE is currently set on Election Day. Suggestion—move it to December. No one stated opposition so E. White will look for December date.

2. Speaker/Topic

- L. Litster-Frost suggested panel discussion for COVID-19 lockdown issues, mentioning Judge Stickman and Raul Labrador
- Jeffery Ventrella suggested a CLE involving the U.S. Supreme Court case *Uzuegbunam v. Preczewski* that is scheduled for hearing in January on
- Diversity Section was interested in co-sponsoring a CLE with P&E

3. Cost

- Suggested discounted membership rate for people who participate in the CLE
- P&E normally offers a discounted CLE rate to members. New memberships in Nov/Dec extend through the next calendar year.

B. Section dues

1. Would we like to change our section dues? Current cost is \$40, which is on the higher end.
 - J. Hall suggested keeping section dues the same

C. Sponsor or Co-Sponsor Edition Advocate

1. P&E last co-sponsored January 2020 wellness edition with the Lawyers Assistance Program.
2. Member interest in writing an article:
 - C. Silak indicated that the Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Rule Committee could write an article about the survey results
 - T. Baker stated that the Well-Being Task Force might be willing to write about the wellbeing survey and co-sponsor an edition with the section.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Ethical Happy Hour

1. J. Hall: We were supposed to co-host a happy hour with the Young Lawyers Section, but that fell through and she has not had any updates. Reminded section that B. Andrews previously indicated that he was disinclined to have virtual Ethical Happy Hour.
2. E. White is going to take Ethical Happy Hour off the agenda until the committee has updates.

B. Wellness Committee

1. T. Baker: Well-Being Survey is going out on Wednesday. Please complete the survey and encourage your friends to complete the survey.

C. Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Rule Committee – Update from C. Silak:

1. Survey Results

- We have the survey results, and the BSU Policy Institute is working on creating a final compilation for the Commissioners
- Next Commissioner meeting is in November. T. Baker will ask if there is a way to provide members of the section the results before they go to the full bar.
- Survey results show issues with harassment, discrimination, and bullying throughout the state, so the committee is currently looking at other options for future steps. B. Andrews updated the committee on various issues surrounding the anti-discrimination anti-harassment rules. A group on the committee is exploring the issues B. Andrews highlighted, and is considering future steps going forward.